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December 26.

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In great variety have just been opened out by us. We are also prepared for the new year with a large assortment of

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Don't Fail to  
See Our **Neckwear**

Like many others have already done, if you don't see our Xmas Ties and other goods you'll be sorry.

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## Don't Worry

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Richmond and Cowan Avenues—S.E. Corner  
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**THERE WILL BE A Christmas Tree and Magic Lanterns for the Sunday School children of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. Adults, 30 cents admission.**

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**RUGBY FOOTBALL**—English vs. Colonies at Caledonia grounds, New Year's Day. Kick off 2:45 p.m. Admission, 10 cts., grand stand free.

**TO LET**—Store and offices on Broad St., at reasonable rent; house No. 123 Bell St., \$15; Green street, \$4; Kane St., \$15; two cottages on Michigan St., \$7 each; two cottages on North Columbia St., \$5 each; corner Cadboro Bay Road and Oak Bay Avenue, \$107; No. 23 Princess Avenue, \$3; No. 14 Stanley Avenue, \$10. A. W. More & Co., 56 Government St.

**WANTED**—General servant; good plain cooking; small family; references required. Apply, Buccabelli, before 12 noon, or after 6 p.m.

**WANTED**—A strong active boy as apprentice to the harness business. John McKenzie, Pandora street.

**IF THE PARTY WHO TOOK A parcel from Hibben's store by mistake on Dec. 24th, will return same, they can have their own.**

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**A COMPLETE STOCK** of Air Guns, Footballs, Boxing Gloves, etc., etc., suitable for Xmas presents, at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

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**BOXING GLOVES**, Punching Bags, Footballs, etc., new stock at J. Barnsley's, 119 Government street.

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## JOHN BULL AROUSED FROM THE CAPITAL

**Large Fleet of British Warships Reported To Have Assembled at Port Hamilton.**

**The Germany-China Squabble Assuming a Serious Phase—Japanese Cabinet Resigns.**

London, Dec. 28.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that the British fleet anchored at Port Hamilton. The despatch further says that a report is current at Chee Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

London, Dec. 28.—The Globe this afternoon says: "A private telegram reached London yesterday evening announcing that over twenty British warships had arrived at Port Hamilton."

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the powers.

Germany's withdrawal from Kiao Chau Bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is alarmed at the present situation, and the government appears to be utterly powerless. No answer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan, and there are calumnious forebodings connected with sun's eclipse on Chinese New Year Day.

Yokohama, Dec. 28.—Owing to its failure to reconstruct under the premiership of Marquis Saigo, the cabinet have resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry capable of coping with the situation in the East.

**CANNOT MAKE A LIVING.**

New York's Pauper Clothing Workers to Try a New Plan.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Baron de Hirsch Association has decided that there are too many men and women employed in the clothing trade on the East Side, in New York, and the sooner the number is diminished by starting a colony for them elsewhere, where they can learn different trades, the better it would be for all concerned. This was decided upon after much consideration. There are about 60,000 men and women employed in the different branches of the clothing trade in this city who cannot make a living, and because of their great number wages have been greatly reduced.

Meyer Schienfeld, leader of the Brotherhood of Tailors, says: "The idea is a very good one. Why I alone could get over five thousand to leave the city and start a colony where they can be taught other trades."

**OREGON RANCHER MURDERED.**

Peter French Killed at Canton City by an Unknown Man.

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 28.—A telephone message to the Democrat from Canton City brings the news of the killing of Peter French, a prominent cattle and land owner of Harney county, by a man named Oliver. A land dispute is said to be the cause of the trouble. French was probably the largest cattle owner in Oregon, his herds running into the thousands. He also owned many thousands of acres of land in south-eastern Oregon and employed several hundred men on his numerous ranches.

**LEO'S MESSAGE OF PEACE.**

London, Dec. 27.—The Times commenting editorially this morning on the Pope's encyclical says: "The Pope has approached the very difficult Manitoba problem in the spirit of conciliation and compromise, and the encyclical can be heartily designated as a message of peace."

**LIEUTENANT PEARY RETURNS.**

New York, Dec. 27.—The American line steamer St. Paul arrived yesterday from Southampton after a very stormy passage of six days 22 hours and 51 minutes. Among the passengers were Lieut. R. E. Peary and Mrs. Peary.

**CABLE NEWS.**

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The National Zeitung to-day denies the tariff negotiations with the United States have been broken off, adding they are only just commenced, and will continue.

**A FAKIR UNMASKED.**

A man giving his name as D. J. Johnson, and his address as 10 Government street, has been travelling through the Eastern States representing himself as an agent of the British Yukon Company. Among other things he said that the company would control all the steamers running to Alaska after January 1st. The local officials of the British Yukon Company state that Johnson has no connection with the company; they will not control all the steamers running to Alaska, and they further intimate that Johnson is a "fakir." This is borne out by the fact that there is no number 10 Government street in this city.

**PERSONAL.**

Dr. R. McKeckle came down from Nanaimo to-day, and is a guest at the Dr. James McGregor, M.P.P., was a passenger from Nanaimo on the noon train to-day. Mrs. W. G. Cameron and children were passengers to Vancouver by the Charmer this morning.

**Changes in the Mounted Police Force—Many Attracted by Glitter of Klondike Gold.**

**Dr. Wakeham Gathering Information re Hudson's Bay—The Latest Trade Returns.**

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—When the second draft of one hundred men is taken from the Mounted Police force in the Territories will number approximately 475 men. It will probably be raised to 500 men and left at that. It has been found that a number of the best men on the force have thrown up their commissions as a result of a threat to reduce the force, coupled with the inducement to embark upon a gold hunt in the Klondike.

Dr. Wakeham, who had charge of the Hudson's Bay expedition last summer, has just returned from a sojourn among the whalers of New Bedford, Mass., where he gathered much information to supplement his report upon the navigability of Hudson's Bay and straits. Some of these men have been going to those waters for the last thirty years, and although the industry is not as profitable as it used to be, at least two whalers winter there right along. They confirm what has been already said by Dr. Wakeham as to the season when these waters open. Dr. Wakeham was also assured by men who had been all over these waters that there are two straits running right through the big island known as Baffin Land. The whalers have been in them. Charts and maps do not show these passages.

The trade returns for the past year will be issued shortly. The imports totalled \$111,294,021, as against \$110,387,480. The duty collected showed a decrease of \$327,040. The exports increased \$175,810.86. Great Britain takes the bulk of Canadian exports, but the imports from the old country have shrunk woefully. During the year there were exported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,301,485, as against \$34,460,428 in 1896-6. Great Britain took of our exports \$99,333,852, but our imports from the old country were but \$29,444,188, a decrease of \$8,567,554, as compared with the previous year, while from the United States we imported to the value of \$61,049,041, an increase of \$3,075,023 over the year before. Upon the total imports of British goods there was collected duty to the amount of \$6,205,392, an average rate of 21 per cent. Upon the total imports from the States, the duty collected was \$8,147,075, an average rate of but 15 per cent.

Peterson, Tait & Co., contractors for the proposed fast Atlantic service, have deposited another \$50,000 with the government, making \$100,000 in all as evidence of their bona fides.

**WHERE IS THE CARD?**

A Fraser River Freighter Missing Since Sunday.

Many Victorians, shipping men and others, are anxiously awaiting news of the steamer J. C. Card, one of the little coasting freighters engaged in carrying hay and produce from the Fraser river to Vancouver and Victoria. She sailed from New Westminster for Victoria about a week ago, and on Sunday last arrived at James Inlet. She left there for this port at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, and although the run down occupies only three hours, she has not been seen since. The J. C. Card is quite a new vessel, having been launched three months ago at New Westminster. She is of about the same model as the steam freighters Saffa and Fingal. The latter vessel arrived here yesterday afternoon, but brought no news of the missing steamer save the fact of her leaving James Inlet. The Fingal, like the missing freighter, had a cargo of produce for Brackman & Ker. Neither the steamer Tees or the Princess Louise, both of which arrived yesterday evening, brought any news of the Card; it was very dark on their run down from James Inlet. Since Sunday morning the weather has been very rough in the Gulf—the Fingal was compelled to lie-to at James Inlet all day Sunday—and it is thought that the Card has run back to James Inlet or to one of the bays along the coast for shelter. Mr. G. F. Wilson, who accompanied Sanitary Officer Chipchase to Darcy Island on Sunday last, saw a steamer which he thought was the Card running for shelter to the lee of James Inlet.

**NO WORD OF THE PELICAN.**

Northern Pacific Liner Victoria Brought No News of Her.

The N. P. R. steamship Victoria, which arrived at Vancouver at 4 o'clock this afternoon, brought no news of the overdue steamship Pelican. A sharp watch was kept for the steamer. The Pelican is 77 days out from Tacoma for Tientsin.


Mr. E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, has been advised that the proposed reduction in the rate of postage on letters to the United Kingdom and other parts of the British Empire has been postponed. The present rate of 5 cents for half an ounce will be continued for the present.

The police have in their possession a lot of bed clothing which they believe was stolen. It can be seen for identification at the city lock-up.




**Funeral Director and Embalmer**  
Government street, Victoria.


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**NOTICE**

Government street, between Courtenay and Johnson, is closed to traffic until further notice.

**M. A. WILSON,**  
City Engineer.



## VICTORIANS IN DAWSON

Return of Mr. Richard Shaw, of Victoria, the Very Latest Arrival From Klondike.

Came Out by Dog Train, Breaking a Trail Over Which Many Will Follow.

William White, a Prosperous Saanich Farmer, Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia.

Jim Cary's Saloon at Dawson Robbed of \$30,000. Butcher Arrested on Suspicion.

Something About the Food Supply, the Creeks, and the Victorians Who Are Still There.

The minds of those Victorians who have friends in the Yukon country were set at rest last night. Mothers and wives who had lost their appetites thinking of the poor Christmas dinners their sons and husbands would have to put up with brightened up, and for a while at least will have nothing to worry about. News direct and late was received from the colony of Victorians who claim Dawson as their temporary home. It was brought by Mr. Richard Shaw, of this city, who arrived on the Tees, having left Dawson City in company with Mr. Shede, of Jansen, on November 10th. They had a comparatively easy trip out, despite the fact that they had to "cut" the trail on the ice from Dawson City to the lakes. Having a good outfit and a splendid team of dogs, they were able to make the trip more quickly and with less discomfort than those who started before the ice was solid.

Just fifty-one of those who started before them, without dogs, and making their way along by easy stages, were passed by Messrs. Shaw and Shede. It is these men scattered along the trails for whom the greatest anxiety should now be felt. They have discarded all but the actual necessities in an endeavor to make better time, and as a result most of them are enduring hardships that only the most hardy can withstand. There are very few blankets among these fifty-one men, the programme followed when sleep is required being to build a big fire in the woods and take turns in sleeping around it. As a natural result many of them have been rather severely frost bitten. At Five Finger Rapids Messrs. Shaw and Shede picked up a young man, whose legs had been badly frozen and who had given up all hope. Many parties were met with who were short of food, but were given enough to pass them on to the next station.

These supply stations, established by the Dominion government, will prove the salvation of many men, who, not realizing the long trip they had to make, left Dawson with a light outfit. Supplies can be purchased at these stations to pass a man along to the next store. When Mr. Shaw passed Big Salmon Major Walsh was still there, and seemed to have settled down for the winter. All the recent mails were also piled up there, but the trail having been broken by Shaw and Shede, the letters would probably be moved to Dawson City.

As to the food supply, Mr. Shaw says provisions are very scarce; that is, none can be bought, but he does not anticipate any actual starvation. A great many men who went in with good outfits and saw no opportunity of doing anything this winter were glad to sell out and start on the return journey. The very high prices that they received for their provisions in a measure repaid them for the hardships they had endured. With these and the men who are coming out on business, the trail will be kept open all winter. Mr. Shaw says fully five hundred will come out, and very few will get in before the ice goes out in the spring. At the confluence of the Stewart and Lewis rivers forty-three outfits are frozen in. The owners of these started from the lakes a little too late in the season and were caught by the ice. There are hundreds of other men at the lakes preparing to go down on the ice, an undertaking that Mr. Shaw regards as suicidal. A man cannot pack or draw enough to last him all the trip and if he takes dogs all that they can draw will be consumed by the time Dawson is reached, and then what is he to do for the remainder of the winter? There are no supplies to be bought there, and so far the Salvation Army have not proposed the establishment of a "food and shelter" there.

Messrs. Frank and Cameron of Victoria got their beef through to Dawson safely, but Mr. Perdue was not so fortunate, most of his going too far through. The rafts on which he was transporting his meat grounded on bars some distance above Dawson. When the slush ice came two of the rafts were carried down the river and past Dawson. If not frozen in it probably made Christmas dinners for the residents of one of the towns further down the river. The other raft is frozen in solid.

El Dorado creek, according to Mr. Shaw, is all that has been claimed for it, but there are some "blanks" on Bonanza, in fact there are a few deserted claims on the latter creek. Mr. Seabrook, of Victoria, sank a few holes on a Bonanza creek claim, but soon got tired of the work. Dominion and Hunter creeks are turning out well, a particularly good strike having recently been made on the latter creek. The strike was made on claim 43 below Discovery. The gravel, of which there was five feet, averaged \$3 to the pan. So far Quartz creek and Moonjaw creek are an unknown quantity. Messrs. Behnen, Bush and Petterson, of Victoria have staked on Moonjaw.

The night before Mr. Shaw left Dawson a big robbery occurred at Jim Cary's saloon. Some \$20,000 was taken. Ed. Lord, bartender for Cary, and two other men were arrested on suspicion. Cary,

who formerly resided at Duncan's Station, is making a big fortune out of his saloon. At Fort Selkirk another robbery occurred. A Mr. Keeler, losing \$8,000. Ed. Jackson was arrested on suspicion of being the thief. These arrests, almost immediately after the crimes were committed, have had a good effect, showing the lawless element that the Canadian authorities punish crime in Dawson just as surely as they punish it in Victoria.

Although there has been much illness and many deaths in Dawson, only one Victorian, William White, lost his life in the search for gold. Mr. White died last month of pneumonia, at the age of 52 years. The deceased formerly resided at North Saanich, where he owned a valuable farm, and where his sister, Mrs. Pollard, still resides. He was a native of York County, Ontario, where his father still lives. In 1871 he moved to California and five years later came north and settled at North Saanich. Last March he went to Dawson with Messrs. Anderson, Moore and Frank. Mr. White was a prominent Orangeman.

Dave Spencer had a very narrow call, but he managed to pull through and is coming home next month with James Macaulay.

Dr. Richardson is practising in Dawson, but is heartily sick of the country and will come down on the first boat next summer.

Messrs. Petrie and Anderson are there to stay. They are buying provisions at fabulously high prices from men who are coming out.

John Speed is as changeable as ever. He was not doing anything much when Mr. Shaw left, except changing his mind. One day he is coming home and the next he is just as determined to stick it out.

Jim Stockins is working on 26, Hunter, and Jim Todd went down to Fort Yukon on the Weare.

Mike Conlin is working for "Big" Alex McDonald, the king of Klondike, and Behnen and Bush are still looking around. The trip has made an old man of Bush.

Mr. Daly, who went up with Mr. Shaw, is working on a lay on 10, below Discovery, on Hunter, and Mr. McNeil, the other member of the party, is working on 8, below Discovery, on Bonanza. Messrs. Shaw, Daley and McNeil were the first Victorians to reach Dawson after the rush. While there Mr. Shaw worked for wages.

Mr. W. J. Perry and party were caught in the slush and ice and carried to Dawson without accident.

The mine owners decided recently to reduce wages from \$15 to \$10. A general strike was threatened, and, in fact, a number of men had already walked out. As most of the idle men have left Dawson for Fort Yukon, the claim owners will not be able to dictate the rate of wages to the men.

J. W. McKay, who left Dawson on November 19th, arrived at Skagway about the same time as Messrs. Shaw and Shede, he having the advantage of the trail cut by them. McKay, it is said, brought out drafts for \$75,000, representing money he has made in speculation, including in which was guiding parties down the river.

The Americans are raising a great howl over the imposition of duties on the goods which they purchased at Seattle, and which the Seattle merchants gave them to understand would come through duty free.

Another party of Victorians who came down on the Tees, and who have been in Dawson, is composed of Messrs. Geo. Bassett, John Hooper and William Steele. They left Dawson late in October and were among those who packed their own provisions and slept around a big fire at night. Several times they had to go on short rations, but on each occasion managed to shoot enough meat of some kind or other, to carry them to the next supply station. They suffered a good deal, too, from the cold, but all being hardy men, managed to pull through. They were not long in Dawson, having disposed of their outfits to advantage and turned their backs on the big mining camp. Geo. H. Hanbury, of Seattle, who came down on the Tees, and two other Seattleites, were picked up near the Stewart river and came out in company with the three Victorians.

There was little or no gold brought down by the Tees.

**MONTANA EDITOR KILLED.**  
Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—Louis P. Bowen, who has been connected in various editorial capacities with Montana newspapers for the past ten years, was killed yesterday at Sappington by being run over by a train. He was a son of a United States Senator Thomas Bowen of Colorado.

**AGED COUPLE MURDERED.**  
Indiana, Pa., Dec. 27.—Milton Neal and his wife were shot to death by an unknown assassin at their home near Jacksonville some time during Christmas. Neal was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers in the vicinity in which he lived.

**BOTH WERE DROWNED.**  
Kingston, N.Y., Dec. 27.—While skating at Rifton, on Wall Hill creek, yesterday, Mrs. V. Vanhoger, aged 23, broke through the ice. Edward McMichael went to her rescue and both were drowned.

**THE DIGNITY OF SPAIN.**  
Madrid, Dec. 27.—El Herald says: The encroachments of the United States upon the internal politics of Spain have become intolerable and must be resisted energetically. The situation is difficult but at whatever cost the government ought to put an end to a shameful state of affairs for the sake of the dignity of Spain.

**TO PREPARE FOR CONFLICT.**  
Madrid, Dec. 27.—The Imparcial says that in view of the character of the reply of United States Minister Woodford to the note of the Spanish government, in answer to the first communication of the American government through him, it is necessary to increase the Spanish fleet as against the eventuality of a conflict with the United States.

Never let a cough run on from day to day. It indicates either inflammation or irritation, which, if allowed to continue, may result in serious injury to the lungs. A few doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures any pulmonary complaint not entirely beyond the reach of medicine.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

No Appropriation From the Dominion for the Darcy Island Leper Station.

The Waterworks To Be Completed in Spring—City Solicitor Wants an Extra \$1,000.

At the meeting of the city council held last evening the following letter was read from Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture:

Ottawa, Dec. 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Hon. Mr. Sifton has handed me the memorandum which you have in regard to Darcy Island station for lepers, and has asked me to look into the matter and reply to you accordingly. I can only refer you to the letter of the department written by my deputy addressed to you on the 22nd July, 1897, and I have seen no reason to change the views which I held in the matter then. No new facts in regard to the relations between the Dominion government and the Province have been brought to my attention since that time or are contained in the memorial which has come to me by the Hon. Mr. Sifton's hands.

**SYDNEY FISHER.**  
The mayor said that while Hon. Mr. Sifton was here he waited on the minister in regard to this matter and that Hon. Mr. Sifton had informed him that the matter was not in his department but he would hand the resolution of the council in regard to the question to the minister of agriculture. "This letter," said the mayor, "shows that he has done so and that the government does not intend to make an appropriation for the leper station."

Ald. Stewart said: "The council should keep on kicking until they get an appropriation." He did not think that Tracade should get an appropriation from the Dominion government while this council did not.

Ald. Hall was of the same opinion. The mayor said they should urge upon the local representatives to the Dominion house and upon Senator Templeman, as well as securing the support of all the other representatives from this province to impress upon the government the necessity of granting this appropriation. Ald. Kinsman wanted to know if the council got an appropriation for this purpose in years gone by.

The Mayor:—"Yes, \$1,000 a year." Ald. McCandless said there was a slight misunderstanding in connection with this matter. He had some correspondence with the Ottawa authorities regarding it and was informed that the department of agriculture had no obligation whatever. When he said before that the late government had an appropriation for Darcy Island on the estimates, he was mistaken; they had not. Tracade was the only leper station to which they gave an appropriation, and it was only because they had agreed to do so in the terms of union that they did so. They are not bound to support Darcy Island.

The letter was received and filed. Beaumont Boggs wrote offering to supply 200 copies of the Klondike Review weekly if the council would forward them to places where they would do most good for Victoria. The offer was accepted with thanks. J. A. Lalla, writing on behalf of the J.A.A., complaining of bad smells from surface drains and asking for a crossing in front of the club house on Belleville street. Received and referred to the street committee and city engineer for report.

The communications of W. H. Mason regarding the flooding of residences on Michigan street, and that from E. J. Smith asking for the improvement of that street in Victoria West, were dealt with in the same manner.

A. E. Jewell moved the motion of Ald. Kinsman, appointed to the position of lamp-trimmer in the place of his father. The water commissioner wrote saying that the water works at Beaver Lake would be flushed during the spring of 1898. There would be no appreciable change in the water pressure. This letter was received and filed, and a copy will be sent to the board of undertakers.

The city solicitor and sanitary officer reported concerning the checks pulled down on Pignard street. They said they were pulled down by order of Mr. T. R. Smith, the agent.

A letter was read from City Solicitor Mason asking for an increase of \$1,000 in lieu of the costs he was authorized to collect for bridge actions. This letter, together with a bill for \$425, was submitted by Messrs. McPhillips & Williams, of Vancouver, for legal services, was laid over for consideration at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday morning.

Ald. Partridge took exception to this account. He had no idea it had been incurred, and did not think the city solicitor should be allowed to engage legal services on his own responsibility. The mayor explained that the city, like a private corporation, should leave their legal work to the solicitor. The expense was inevitable, as they were obliged to have some one to represent them in Vancouver. Had the case been tried in Victoria, then there would have been no extra expense.

The health officer reported that another Chinaman had been placed on Darcy Island, and concerning the visit of Sanitary Inspector Chipchase to the island on Sunday last.

The finance committee reported recommending the appropriation of \$3,738.02 for the payment of current expenses. The resolution was adopted, and after passing a resolution to strike a bid of \$99 from the city books, the meeting closed.

**A MICROBE'S WORK.**  
A microbe is about the smallest thing one meets in a day's journey, but it does more harm for its size than anything known. Bells, pimples, etc., are simply microbes in the skin which cause irritating blood disorders, if not stopped at once; and it is they that prevent wounds healing also. "Quickcure" kills the microbe immediately after application, and any sore heals rapidly where "Quickcure" is used.

**Windsor Salt**  
Purest and Best for Table and Dairy  
No adulteration. Never cakes.

## ONTARIO TO KLONDIKE.

Eastern Canada Has Caught the Infection and Thousands Will Try Their Luck.

The Toronto Globe of the 22nd inst. says:

The Klondike fever has evidently infected a good many persons in Ontario, judging from the number of letters the railway companies are receiving enquiring about the rates to the new Canadian gold fields. There is not a town of any size in the province but has its army of prospective gold-hunters, and it is everybody goes who says he is going to strike it rich. It is quite a delusion of Ontario's population. The Canadian Pacific railway company receives several letters of enquiry every day from parties in process of organization to go to the Klondike. Sometimes the letters say that a party of from twenty-five to fifty is forming and that they want reduced rates on account of the number. The Grand Trunk and Great Northern railways are also in receipt of very many letters, but so far very little business has been done, as it is yet too early in the season. Many of the letters that have been received are from such places as Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Peterboro, Lindsay, Chatham and Windsor.

In Toronto possibly a thousand people have made enquiries as to the best and cheapest route to the Yukon, and it is understood that a number of parties are preparing to leave in February. Mr. J. Enoch Thompson is endeavoring to make up a party of prospectors. About the only party that has actually closed with the railway companies is one headed by Mr. Wm. Millicamp. He is going out with a party of five, and will leave Toronto about February 1, so as to catch the early boats up. The party has secured berths over the Canadian Pacific railway. They are purchasing some of their supplies here, but most will be bought in Vancouver.

While the railway companies are talking of fully 200,000 people who are to go into the Klondike during the coming year, the question has arisen as to whether transportation could be secured for such a great number. There will be no trouble about the land travel, but the water part of the route offers a more serious obstacle. There is not a large number of big boats available on Pacific waters. Supposing, however, it is possible to start two boats a day, on every day of the week (Sundays excepted), and that this can be kept up for eight consecutive months—from the first day of March to the last day of October—and allowing an average of 200 passengers to all boats, big and little alike, there would then have been taken all told 84,000 people.

## THE MASONS.

Vancouver & Quadra Lodge Install Officers Yesterday Evening.

Yesterday was St. John's Day and Vancouver & Quadra Lodge, A.F. & A.M., celebrated it by installing the following officers, who will govern the affairs of the lodge during the coming year: Messrs. M. H. Thompson, I.P.M.; A. Maxwell Muir, W.M.; C. E. Staller, S.W.; F. V. Robertson, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Chap.; T. B. Lovell, Treas.; W. A. Anderson, J.D.; Jas. Forman, Dir. of Cer.; E. B. Paul and W. H. Jones, stewards; Jas. Shaw, I.O.; and F. Stockham, Tyler. R.W. Bro. D. Wilson, D.G.M., assisted by several grand officers, amongst whom were R. W. Ross, McMillan and W. Bro. S. B. Netherby, J. F. Reatty, A. C. Muir, A. B. Erskine, J. F. Phillips and A. L. Belyea. At the close of the initiation W. Bro. Thompson presented I.P.M. Bro. Thompson with a handsome past master's jewel. A dinner was held at the close of the business. An agreeable surprise was the arrival in their midst of Mr. Dick Shaw, who had just arrived from Dawson City.

**HENRY GEORGE'S MONUMENT.**  
New York, Dec. 27.—The largest contributors to the Henry George memorial fund, that now exceeds \$13,000, are: S. Low, \$1,000; T. F. Walker, Birmingham, England, \$1,000; T. L. Johnson, \$1,000; Joseph Pulitzer, \$1,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$1,000; August Lewis, \$500; Thomas G. Shearman, \$500; Landon Strawn, \$500; John P. Cranford, \$500; Charles Stewart, \$250; Anson Phelps Stokes, \$250; J. Kennedy Tod, \$250; Edward M. Shepley, \$250.

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## ANOTHER WASHINGTON SUICIDE.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The recent tragic death of Miss Lelia Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, is given as the reason for the suicide which occurred yesterday of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman and daughter of Mr. Lewis S. Wells, a well known attorney.

The young woman shot herself through the heart with her brother's revolver at the residence of her father, 1131 N. street Northwest. Miss Wells has met under this act or any previous act, or who procures such invention from any person not authorized by the Patentee or his legal representative to make use of it, shall be liable to the Patentee or his legal representative in any action of damages for so doing."

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## The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

## The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: Ladies and Gentlemen.—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing municipal election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election. Previous to the date of election I will by public notice call you together to place before you my views on municipal matters.

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##### Championship Bayonet Contest.

On Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., over 2,000 persons crowded Massey Hall, Toronto, to witness the championship bayonet contest between Sergeant Major Morgans, of the Royal Grenadiers, and Private George Stewart, of the 48th Highlanders, Sergeant Major Morgans being the challenger. Stewart is champion of the British empire with the bayonet, having won in London with the Canadian Diamond Jubilee contingent defeated all comers in the military tournament at Islington. Sergeant Major Morgans was until lately instructor at the Royal Military College at Kingston, and was considered the champion with the bayonet in America. The Toronto Globe gives the following account of this classic encounter: "Captain Cartwright was the referee of the bayonet contest, and Messrs. Sweeney and Sifton the seconds. The re-

force had the assistance, or rather the suggestions, of about 1,000 partisans of each man. The competitors wore jackets and masks and their spring bayonets had padded points, well chalked, so as to leave a mark showing where they struck. The contest was ended in two engagements of the best of nine points each. Stewart winning by 5 to 3 and 5 to 4, or in all 10 points to 7.

Stewart's position was extremely crouched, so much so that at times the butt of his rifle touched the floor. He is quite a few years younger than Morgans, but the older man was believed to have some advantage in agility as well as in experience. He was the aggressor throughout, Stewart's policy being to wait, and parrying at an attack, score a hit for himself. It was a successful one, and scored for him the opening point of the first bout amid tremendous cheering. The next went to Morgans, and the Grenadier's supporters broke loose in wild applause. The first engagement was won by Stewart by 5 to 3, and, after a brief intermission they came together for the second. Morgans varied his tactics slightly this time and was willing to wait also, but eventually took to leading again. The contest was closer now, and at 8 points each had scored four. The winning point, the fifth for Stewart, was well made, and the house rang with the applause of his delighted friends. The defeated man was rather surprised at the outcome, and is of opinion that in another meeting he could reverse the verdict, though Stewart won fairly last night."

#### FOOTBALL.

##### England vs. The Colonies.

Another England vs. Colonies football match will be played on Saturday afternoon at the Caledonia grounds. The opposing teams are very strong ones and evenly matched, so a closely contested game can be looked forward to by all devotees of the sport should the weather prove favorable and the ground be fit for service.

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The beauty of the winter girl may be only a shallow deep.

There are usually a few flies on the honeyed phrases of lovers.

The small boy thinks the road of knowledge has too many branches.

The older we grow the greater the lack of knowledge we discover in others.

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